

**HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

TUESDAY, THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.VIJAYSEN REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO: 22084 OF 2026

Between

Kesiraju Srinivas, S/o Kesiraju Narasimha Rao,

...Petitioner

AND

1. The Union Of India, Rep by its Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi-110001.
2. The Regional Passport Officer, Hyderabad, Regional Passport Office, D.No. 8-2-215 to 219, Kummarguda, Secunderabad-500003, Telangana.

...Respondents

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue a writ, order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus, to declare the action of the Respondent No. 2 in refusing to release my Passport vide booklet No. T6956139, which was surrendered by me on 25-10-2019, as illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and violative of articles 19 and 21 of the constitution of India and consequently to direct the 2nd Respondent to release/furnish my passport bearing booklet No. T6956139;

I.A. NO: 1 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 of C.P.C praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the 2nd Respondent to release my passport bearing booklet No.T6956139, pending disposal of WP No 22084 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Gummalla Bhasker Reddy, Advocate for the Petitioner, Sri N. Bhujanga Rao, Deputy Solicitor General, for the Respondents, the Court made the following.

ORDER

**Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and
Mr. N. Bhujanga Rao, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India for
respondents No.1 and 2.**

Petitioner claims to be the Chairman of Andhra Saraswatha Parishatha, which organizes world Telugu Conferences. The petitioner travels to various parts of India and across the world and he is an active member of the said organization. The petitioner was arrayed as an accused in FIR.No.770 of 2017 of Panjagutta Police Station registered for the offences under Sections 354, 354A, 509 read with Section 109 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. The petitioner filed a quash petition in CRLP.No.4132 of 2020 under Section 482 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, wherein interim stay of all further proceedings in Cr.No.770 of 2017 was granted. The petitioner surrendered his passport bearing No.T6956139 (New) on 25.10.2019 as directed by the respondent No.2 in view of pendency of criminal case. As there is urgency for the petitioner to travel to USA, the instant writ petition is filed.

Considering that stay of all further proceedings in Cr.No.770 of 2017 was granted by this Court, there shall be interim direction to the respondent No.2 to release the passport of the petitioner bearing No.T6956139 for a period of three (3) months.

List on 01.09.2026.

Sd/- AHMAD ABDULLA KHAN
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Union Of India, New Delhi-110001. -
2. The Regional Passport Officer, Hyderabad, Regional Passport Office, D.No. 8-2-215 to 219, Kummarguda, Secunderabad-500003, Telangana. -
[Addresses 1 to 2 By SPAD] -
3. One CC to Sri. Gummalla Bhasker Reddy, Advocate [OPUC] -
4. Two CCs to N. BHUJANGA RAO, Deputy Solicitor General of India, High Court at Hyderabad.[OUT] -
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HIGH COURT

BVR, J

DATED: 21-07-2026



NOTE: LIST ON 01.09.2026

ORDER

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STAY